

OFFICE OF CENTRAL INSPECTION  
CITY OF WICHITA

POLICY STATEMENT/INTERPRETATION

**DATE:** March 28, 1996

**SUBJECT:** Private Restroom Facilities

**CODE**  
**SECTION(S) :** ADA Sec 4.1.3

**QUESTION:** What design is acceptable to show the required adaptability of a private restroom serving a private office or workspace?

**ANSWER:** ADA requires that toilet rooms provided for the use of occupants of specific spaces be adaptable. OCI will interpret this to be limited to a restroom that is within and serves a single private office or work space (housing only one occupant); or may be a restroom shared between the occupants of two private offices or work spaces as long as each area is limited to one occupant so that the restroom is limited to use by a maximum of two people. Access to the private restroom may only be through the private office(s) or work space(s).

These private facilities may be designed without the turning space required in accessible restrooms and without the fully accessible fixtures as long as an alternate plan is submitted to Plan Review, prior to issuance of a building permit, showing how the restroom can be modified for future accessibility. Water closets will still be required to be installed at the 18 inch to centerline spacing from the wall. Further, the alternate plan submitted showing the method of providing future accessibility should not require the moving of any walls except those within the private office(s) or work space(s) which the restroom serves. The alternate plan will be microfilmed with the plans for future reference.

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